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1. PROVIDED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI
SITREP CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR JUNE 15. THE
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RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP FOR JUNE 15

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

RWANDA

NEWS OF A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT (SEE BELOW) MAY HAVE
REACHED KIGALI, AFTER FIERCE FIGHTING CAME TO A STOP LATE
TODAY. UN DEPUTY COMMANDER ANYIDHOHO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT
NEITHER SIDE HAD YET INFORMED HIM OF ITS COMPLIANCE.
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SIXTY TUTSI BOYS WERE ABDUCTED FROM A CHURCH SHELTER IN KIGALI YESTERDAY AND SLAIN IN A NEARBY PIT, ACCORDING TO A SURVIVOR'S REPORT TO UNAMIR. (REUTER)

GENERAL DALLAIRE REPORTED THAT 10 APCS FROM THE UNOSOM OPERATION IN SOMALIA ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN RWANDA AS EARLY AS TOMORROW. MOREOVER, GHANA IS SENDING AN ADDITIONAL 150 SOLDIERS AT THE SAME TIME TO AUGMENT ITS FORCES, MARKING THE START OF UNAMIR'S BUILDUP. (TELCON WITH AMB. RAWSON)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

(C) THE GOR AND THE RPF VERBALLY AGREED TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE ON JUNE 14 AT THE OAU SUMMIT IN TUNIS, FOLLOWING THE TERMS ESTABLISHED BY THE GBADOLITE AGREEMENT, SIGNED SEPARATELY BY BOTH SIDES SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWED A DAY OF REGIONAL AND AFRICA-WIDE DELIBERATION BY MINISTERS AND HEADS-OF-STATE,
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WHO REPORTEDLY BROWBEAT BOTH SIDES INTO ACCEPTING A
CEASE-FIRE. (TUNIS 00404)

(LOU) FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ALAIN JUPPE SAID TODAY THAT FRANCE AND ITS EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN ALLIES ARE PREPARED TO LAUNCH A GROUND INTERVENTION, RELATIVELY SOON, TO PROTECT GROUPS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION IF THE MASSACRE OF CIVILIANS CONTINUES AND THE WARRING SIDES DO NOT IMPLEMENT A CEASE-FIRE AS AGREED IN TUNIS. JUPPE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD URGED SYG BOUTROS-GHALI ON TUESDAY TO PURSUE THE TRANSFER OF 2,000 TO 3,000 PEACEKEEPERS FROM SOMALIA. (REUTER) WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY PARIS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THESE REPORTS.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

(LOU) THE SECOND MONTHLY MEETING BETWEEN THE RPF HUMANITARIAN DIVISION AND RELIEF AGENCIES WAS HELD IN MULINDI ON JUNE 10, BUT WAS MARRED BY THE RPF'S CENSORIOUS TREATMENT OF THE NGOS, PARTICULARLY THE ICRC. AN RPF ATTEMPT TO CATEGORIZE THE NGOS AS "UNDER PERFORMERS" (THE ICRC, MEDICINS DU MONDE, SAVE THE CHILDREN/UK) AND THOSE DOING "SATISFACTORY" WORK (CARE,

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WORLD VISION, WFP) PROVOKED OUTRAGE AMONG THE NGOS. IN RETURN, THE RPF WAS TAKEN TO THE TASK FOR ITS INTERVENTIONIST AND MISGUIDED POLICIES, INCLUDING POOR PROVISION OF MANDATORY RPF GUIDES, SEVEN-WEEK-OLD OBSTRUCTION OF THE ICRC'S ACCESS TO THE SOUTHEAST REGION OF THE COUNTRY, SUDDEN AND CAPRICIOUS CHANGES OF NGO CAMP ASSIGNMENTS, AND HERDING OF CIVILIANS INTO OVERCROWDED

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CAMPS LACKING SANITATION. NGOS BELIEVE THE LAST POLICY COULD HAVE RUINOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE UPCOMING HARVEST SEASON AS LARGE NUMBERS OF FARMERS MAY BE PREVENTED FROM REAPING WHAT APPEARS TO BE A BUMPER CROP OF FOOD WITHOUT WHICH THE COUNTRY MAY FACE ACUTE LEVELS OF HUNGER NEXT YEAR. (AF/C RAISED OUR SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THIS LAST POINT IN A MEETING WITH THE LOCAL RPF REPRESENTATIVE LAST WEEK.) (NAIROBI 10496)

A DART TEAM SURVEY OF TWO DISPLACED PERSONS CAMPS IN RPF-CONTROLLED NORTHERN RWANDA REVEALED A DIFFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHY BETWEEN THE NGOS AND THE RPF OVER THE CARE GIVEN TO SOME 7,000 ORPHANS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIZED BY THEIR LOSS OF PARENTS. THE RPF WANTS TO LIMIT ORPHAN CARE TO IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY NEEDS, WHILE THE NGOS WANT TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM COUNSELING TO ENHANCE PROSPECTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY OF THE CHILDREN. (NAIROBI 10570)

THE ICRC DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, JEAN DE COURTEN, SAYS HE SENSES A GROWING DONOR FATIGUE IN EUROPE FOR THE INCREASINGLY GLOOMY FUTURE OF AFRICA, PARTICULARLY RWANDA. HE FEARED THE FATIGUE COULD TRANSLATE INTO DIMINISHING SUPPORT FOR ICRC'S PROGRAMS. (PRM/WASDC 159928)
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